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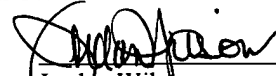
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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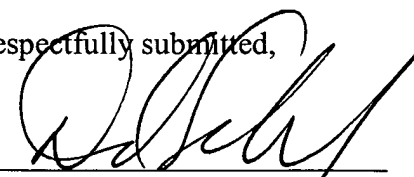
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1 – 28. In the event a generic claim is not allowed, applicant further elects Species II. The following claims read on Species II: Claims 1 – 11 and 14 – 28. Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement, both as to the Groups and as to the Species on the basis of MPEP § 803, insofar as the entire subject matter claimed in this application can be searched and examined “without serious burden” and, therefore, “the examiner *must* examine it on the merits.”

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